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SENATE BILL 1343  
By Wilder

AN ACT to name a bridge in Wayne County in honor of the late  
Jake W. Morris.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Jake W. Morris; and

WHEREAS, Jake W. Morris was a highly respected citizen of the Hardin Creek community in Wayne County for his entire life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris and his devoted wife, Minnie Ola Shipman Morris, raised their large and loving family of seven children in the Hardin Creek community, where he was actively involved in farming and raising livestock for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jake Morris was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, who served his community with distinction as a school bus driver; and

WHEREAS, he also served his fellow citizens faithfully and energetically in numerous other capacities; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of his meritorious record of public service, the Wayne County Legislative Body has memorialized this body to name a certain bridge to permanently commemorate Jake Morris's bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning Gun Hollow Branch on U.S. Highway 64 in Wayne County is hereby designated as the "Jake Morris Bridge".

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Jake Morris Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.